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POINTS OF PRIDE December 2014

ACADEMICS

- The district partnered with Nassau BOCES and six other districts in a Teaching Is the Core grant. Nassau BOCES is leading the seven-district consortium through assessment review and action plan development, followed by implementation of a regional action plan resulting in an assessment inventory that both informs instruction and meets New York State APPR guidelines. The project is expected to reduce the number of assessments students must take while increasing each assessment's value to teachers and administrators as a tool to inform instruction.
- The high school hosted the year's first after-school science seminar in the Distance Learning Center, which was filled to capacity. The featured speaker was Dr. Lisa Miller, associate division director for spectroscopy and imaging in the Photon Sciences Directorate at Brookhaven National Laboratory, who spoke about Alzheimer's disease.
- As part of Coding Week at J.W. Dodd Middle School, 83 students learned about computer coding during their lunch hours through presentations led by science teachers Kristen Santamaria and Georgia Plakas.
- High school students visited J.W. Dodd Middle School as part of its Early College Awareness Breakfast to talk to students about high school and the college application process.
- Bayview Avenue hosted a Parent Academy and welcomed Long Island Parent Center Education Outreach Specialist Randy Young during parent-teacher conferences. Young provided information about Response to Intervention, including tiered-levelled support, guided reading and leveled readers.
- Archer Street hosted the district's first Science/Astro Night, during which Archer and New Visions fourth-graders participated in interactive science activities with Dr. Emily Kang and 24 undergraduate students of Adelphi University's Scholar Teacher Education Program. In addition, high school students Leah Hochmann and Rajiv Chanda spoke about their science projects to students and parents.
- Students in Archer Street's Enrichment for Leaders program are set for the grand opening of their student-run bookstore, Books for You.



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- New Visions kicked off its Parents as Reading Partners program with a visit from animal educator Erik Callender, who brought in a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

ATHLETICS

- The high school's physical education staff selected Mohdshobair Hussaini and Lynda Tinglin as the recipients of the district's 2014 Outstanding Physical Education Student award based on their scholastic leadership, physical performance, physical fitness levels, service and leadership abilities. They received their awards at a ceremony at Crest Hollow Country Club.
- Several student-athletes received postseason honors: from the boys soccer team, Darwin Turcios received All-County Honorable Mention, and Josue Gamez and Rene Quintanilla were named All-Conference; from the girls cross-country team, Maya Henson was named All-Conference; from the girls soccer team, Jeanette Aguinada was named All-Class, Ashley Lyons and Cameryn Miller were named All-Conference, and Elizabeth Alvarez was named a Scholar-Athlete; from the girls swim team, Josephine Iaccarino-Modni, Shanice Welcome and Shannon Welcome were named All-Division; from the girls volleyball team, Janique Lewis was named All-League, Katherine Sanchez was named All-Conference and Monique Simmons was named a Scholar-Athlete; and from the football team, Jameel Lamont and D'monte Woody were named All-County, and Mike Lessesse and Rashad Tucker were named All-Conference.

THE ARTS

- Students and art/music teachers from each school have been showcasing their musical and artistic talents in winter festivals.
- The high school's Select Chorale performed for tourists at the Empire State Building.

ALTRUISM

- As part of their final assignment on early childhood development, students in elective psychology classes at the high school arranged a holiday excursion to Build a Bear at the Roosevelt Field Mall to help Columbus kindergartners make their own teddy bears.
- J.W. Dodd Middle School's Future Corps Club held a coat drive and donated the coats to the Salvation Army.
- Columbus kindergartners received hundreds of books as part of Read It Again, a special service community project started by a Rockville Centre high school student.



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- Archer Street presented local animal rescue organization Bobbi & the Strays with a check for \$2,000 at the school's Thanksgiving Turkey Trot.